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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wish to express my frustration about the fact that it took the Department of Justice three years to end its costly antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. Our tax money can be far more properly spent.

The agreement they came up with is strict. It requires Microsoft to grant computer makers broad new ways to set up Windows with non-Microsoft software programs. Computer makers will now be free to remove the means by which consumers access various features of Windows. They can also replace access to those features with access to non-Microsoft software.

The big deal in this settlement, however, is that Microsoft has also agreed to disclose various interfaces for its rivals, so that they can write more effective software programs and applications.

Certainly this agreement is more than fair and reasonable. The federal government should now allow the provisions of this settlement to fall in to place. No more litigation should be brought against Microsoft beyond this agreement.

Sincerely,



Joseph Henshaw

CC: Senator Rick Santorum